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SUBJECT: PLANNING BOARD FOR OCEAN SHIPPING (PBOS)  
STUDY ON CO-ORDINATION OF SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS

REFS: (A) AC/271-D/212, 31ST JAN 1977  
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MISSION PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TEXT TO IS CEP DIRECTORATE  
AND TO SECRETARY OF INDUSTRIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (IPC).

BEING TEXT:

1. PBOS HAS REFERRED ITS STUDY ON SHIPBUILDING AND  
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SHIP REPAIR TO THE IPC FOR CONSIDERATION OF A NUMBER OF  
QUESTIONS. THE THRUST OF THESE QUESTIONS IS TO:  
1) CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEFENSE SHIPPING  
AUTHORITY (DSA) AND THE CENTRAL SUPPLIES AGENCY (CSA)  
WITH RELATION TO WARTIME SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP  
REPAIR ACTIVITIES, AND 2) OBTAIN THE IPC VIEWS ON  
CONTINUED PEACETIME PLANNING. DURING ITS MEETING ON

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 1977, THE IPC ENDORSED THE VIEW THAT STUDY OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIP REPAIR IS COVERED BY ITS CURRENT WORK PROGRAM. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE IPC (REF A, PARA 14), THE U.S. OFFERS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. THE MATTER OF SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR SHOULD BE GIVEN ATTENTION IN PEACETIME PLANNING. EXAMINATION OF THIS VITAL INDUSTRIAL REQUIREMENT COULD BE CONSIDERED A PILOT EFFORT IN THE LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM OF THE IPC, AND SHOULD CONTRIBUTE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE, AND POSSIBLY A METHODOLOGY, FOR ADDRESSING OTHER INDUSTRIAL DEMAND PROBLEMS. INITIAL STUDY EFFORT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON SHIP REPAIR.

B. THE US WILL SUPPORT A COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH THE PBOS ALONG THE LINES ALREADY OUTLINED IN REF D, PARA 15. THE TASKS APPEAR TO COVER THE INTERESTS OF THE IPC (AND CSA), ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES AND TASKS MAY DEVELOP DURING THE COURSE OF A STUDY EFFORT.

C. THE OTHER POINTS RAISED IN REF A, PARA 14, SHOULD  
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BE ADDRESSED DURING THE COURSE OF THE STUDY.

2. THE US SUGGESTS THAT THE STUDY OF SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TASK FOR A WORKING PARTY OF THE DSA STUDY GROUP (DSASG) AND THE IPC INFORMATION STUDY GROUP. A SIMILAR GROUP ALREADY EXISTS IN THE WORKING PARTY OF THE DSASG AND THE JOINT WORKING GROUP OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE INDUSTRIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE. END TEXT.

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